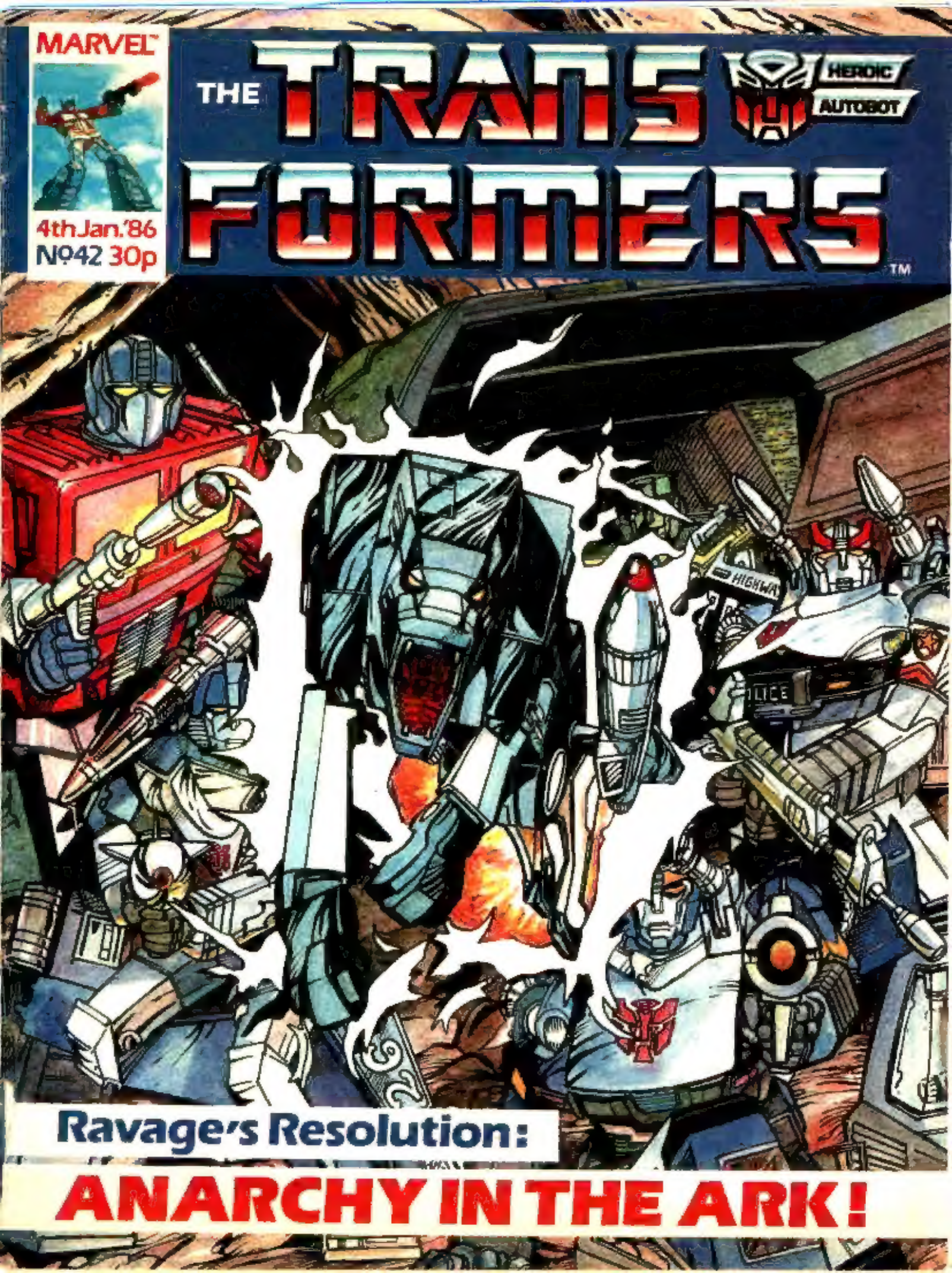
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THE TRANSFORMERS
HEROIC AUTOBOT
Ravage's Resolution:
ANARCHY IN THE ARK!

THE ARK, FOUR MILLION YEARS AGO IT BROUGHT TWO WARRING FACTIONS, THE AUTOBOTS AND THE DECEPTICONS, TO EARTH.
NOW IT RINGS AGAIN TO THE SOUND OF CONFLICT...
BUT THIS TIME IT IS AUTOBOT AGAINST AUTOBOT!
CRISIS COMMAND!
PART ONE
OPTIMUS - YOU MUST RELEASE THE CREATION MATRIX! WITH IT WE CAN WIPE OUT THE DECEPTICONS! LISTEN TO HIM AND THIS WAR WILL GO ON FOREVER!
'WIPE OUT'?! THAT IS DECEPTICON THINKING! WE CANNOT GO DOWN THAT PATH!
OPTIMUS - WE NEED GUIDANCE, OPTIMUS?

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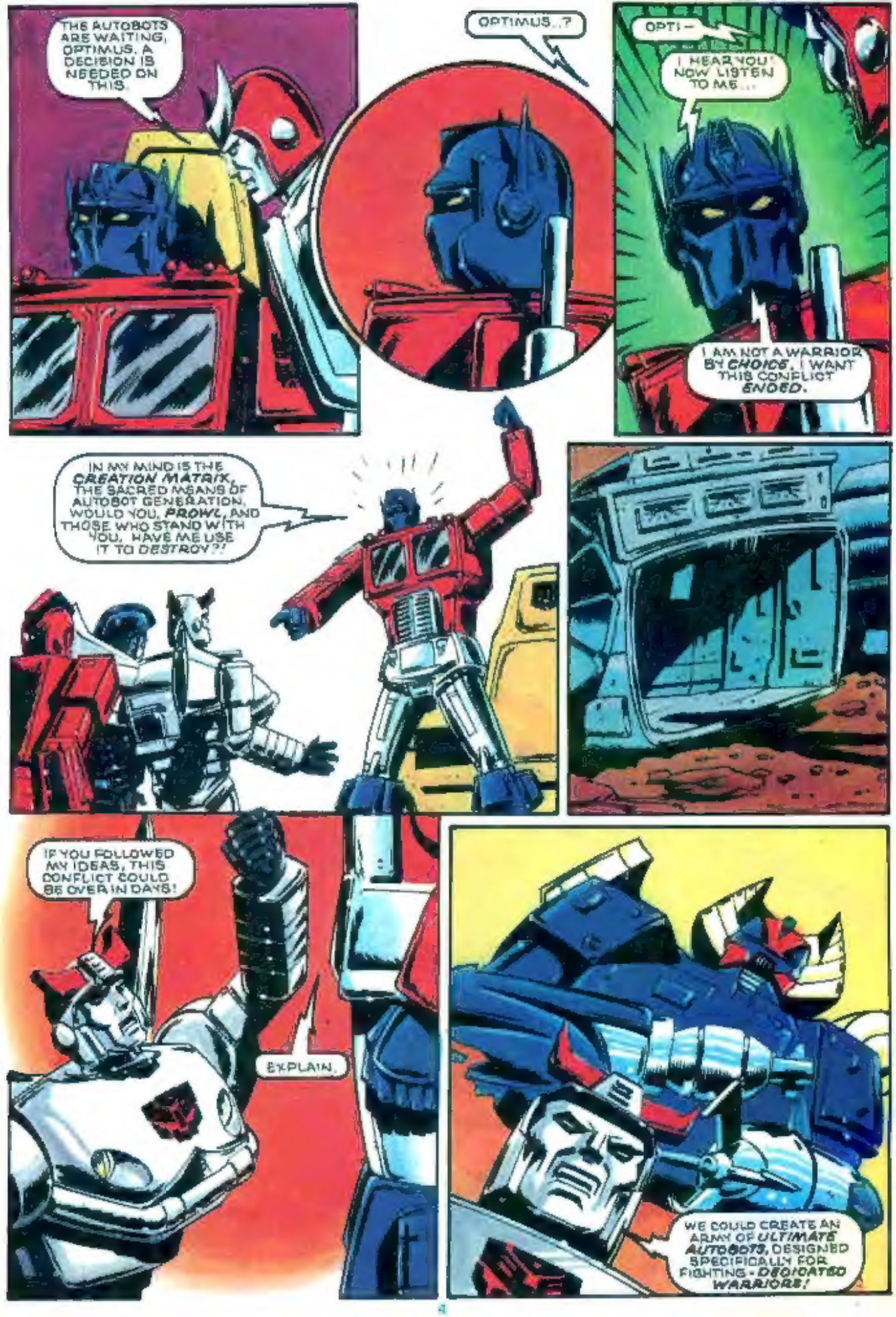
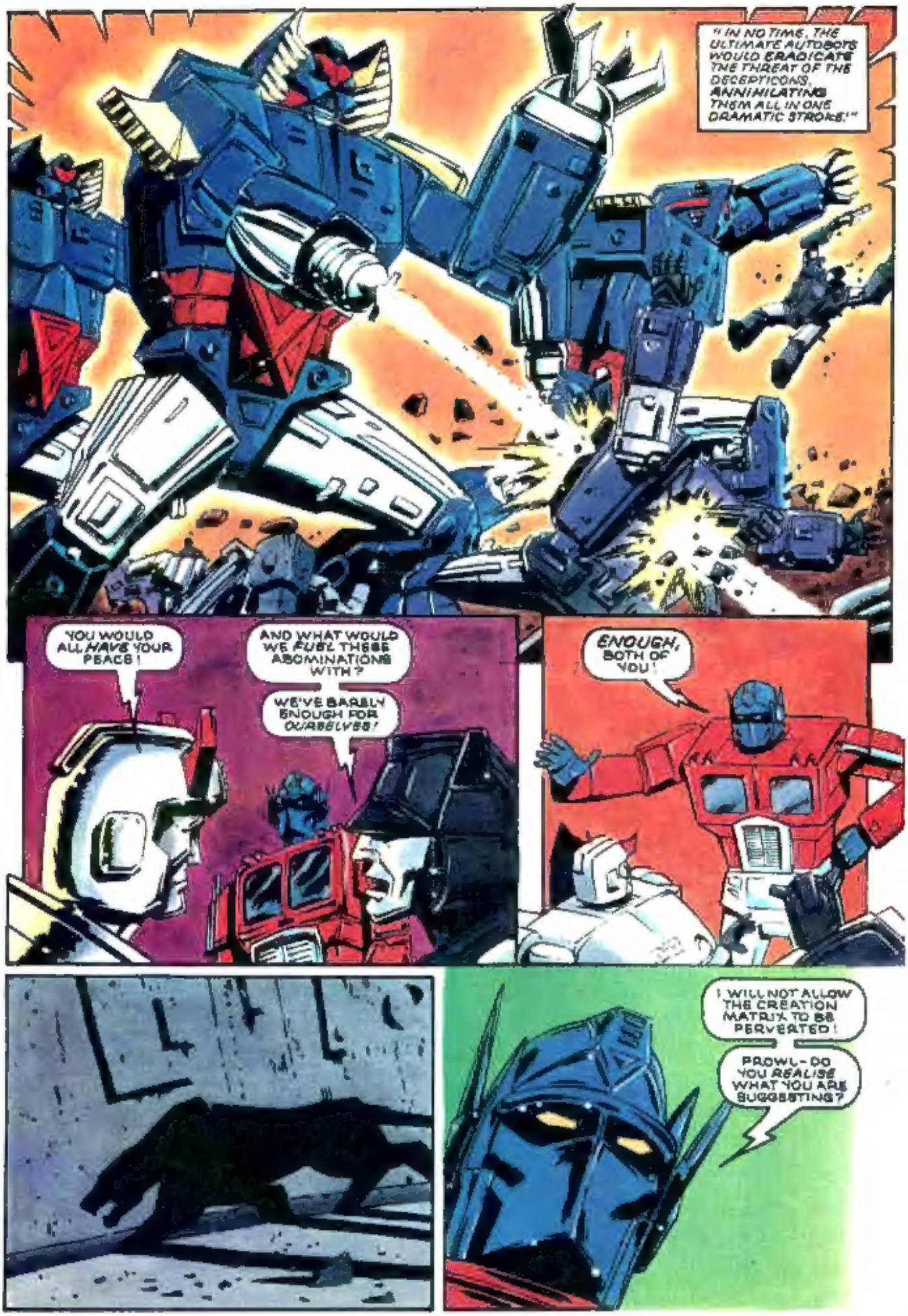
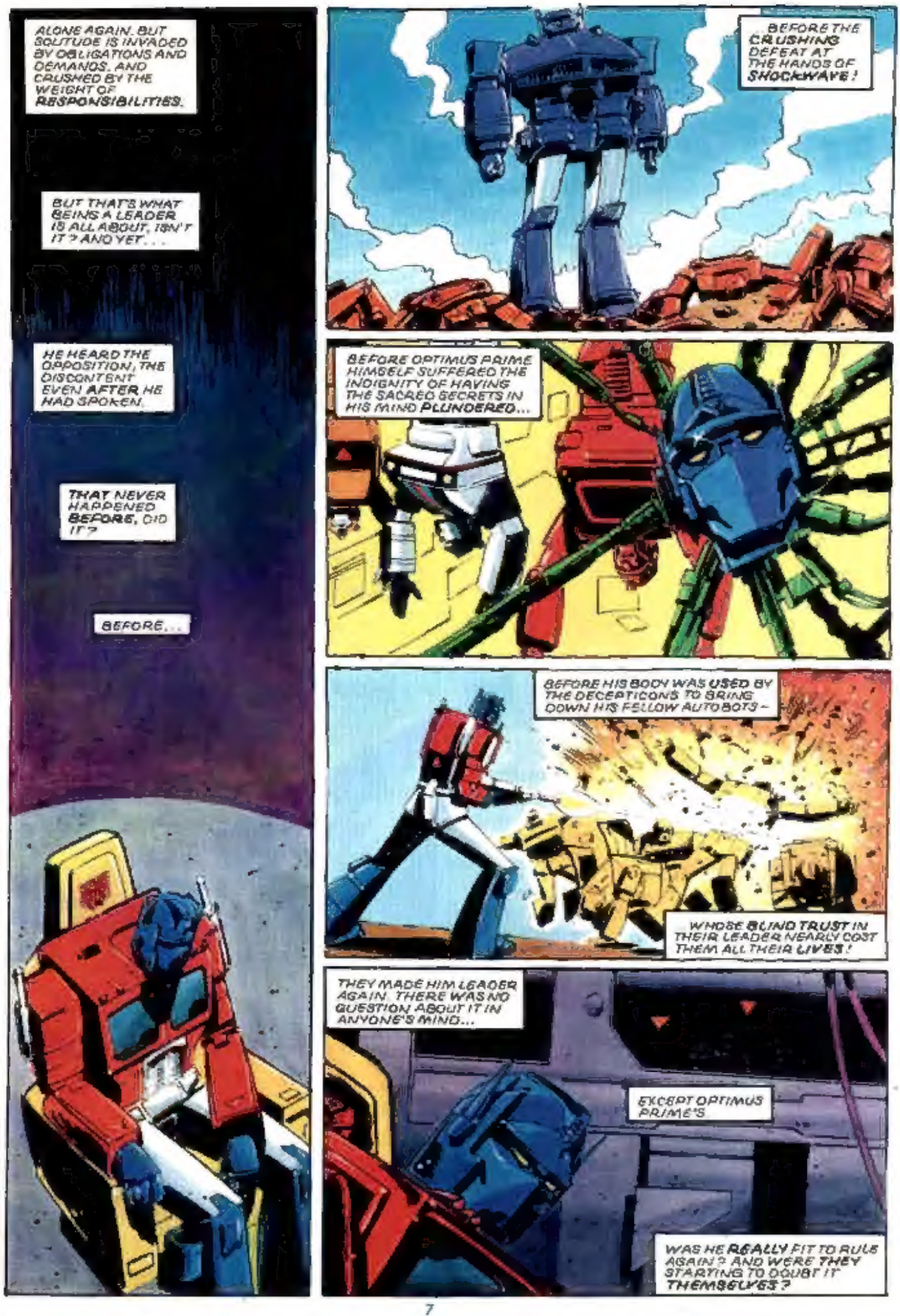

THE AUTOBOTS ARE WAITING, OPTIMUS. A DECISION IS NEEDED ON THIS.
OPTIMUS...?
OPTI—
I HEAR YOU! NOW LISTEN TO ME...
I AM NOT A WARRIOR BY CHOICE. I WANT THIS CONFLICT ENDED.
IN MY MIND IS THE CREATION MATRIX, THE SACRED MEANS OF AUTOBOT GENERATION. WOULD YOU, PROWL, AND THOSE WHO STAND WITH YOU, HAVE ME USE IT TO DESTROY?!
IF YOU FOLLOWED MY IDEAS, THIS CONFLICT COULD BE OVER IN DAYS!
EXPLAIN.
WE COULD CREATE AN ARMY OF ULTIMATE AUTOBOTS, DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR FIGHTING - DEDICATED WARRIORS!


"IN NO TIME, THE ULTIMATE AUTOBOTS WOULD ERADICATE THE THREAT OF THE DECEPTICONS, ANNIHILATING THEM ALL IN ONE DRAMATIC STROKE!"
YOU WOULD ALL HAVE YOUR PEACE!
AND WHAT WOULD WE FUEL THESE ABOMINATIONS WITH?
WE'VE BARELY ENOUGH FOR OURSELVES!
ENOUGH, BOTH OF YOU!
I WILL NOT ALLOW THE CREATION MATRIX TO BE PERVERTED!
PROWL - DO YOU REALISE WHAT YOU ARE SUGGESTING?

"WHAT OF THE EARTH?"
"THE PRICE THIS PLANET WOULD PAY FOR YOUR IDEAS WOULD BE CATACLYSMIC!"
"WE ARE SWORN TO PROTECT THESE PEOPLE - IT IS WHAT SEPARATES US FROM THE DECEPTICONS. IF WE INDULGE IN THESE WAR MONGERING TACTICS WE WILL BE NO BETTER!"
THERE WILL BE NO ULTIMATE AUTOBOTS! THIS DISCUSSION IS CLOSED!
I THINK PROWL WAS TALKING A LOT OF SENSE - WE REALLY COULD WIPE THEM ALL OUT USING THE CREATION MATRIX...
OPTIMUS IS BEING TOO PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE OUTCOME...
MAYBE HE'S NOT FULLY HIMSELF YET...
HOW INTERESTING...


ALONE AGAIN. BUT SOLITUDE IS INVADED BY OBLIGATIONS AND DEMANDS, AND CRUSHED BY THE WEIGHT OF RESPONSIBILITIES.
BUT THAT'S WHAT BEING A LEADER IS ALL ABOUT, ISN'T IT? AND YET...
HE HEARD THE OPPOSITION, THE DISCONTENT EVEN AFTER HE HAD SPOKEN.
THAT NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE, DID IT?
BEFORE...
BEFORE THE CRUSHING DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF SHOCKWAVE!
BEFORE OPTIMUS PRIME HIMSELF SUFFERED THE INDIGNITY OF HAVING THE SACRED SECRETS IN HIS MIND PLUNDERED...
BEFORE HIS BODY WAS USED BY THE DECEPTICONS TO BRING DOWN HIS FELLOW AUTOBOTS -
WHOSE BLIND TRUST IN THEIR LEADER NEARLY COST THEM ALL THEIR LIVES!
THEY MADE HIM LEADER AGAIN. THERE WAS NO QUESTION ABOUT IT IN ANYONE'S MIND...
EXCEPT OPTIMUS PRIME'S
WAS HE REALLY FIT TO RULE AGAIN? AND WERE THEY STARTING TO DOUBT IT THEMSELVES?

HIS DOUBT IS MONITORED. HIS INDECISION A MATTER OF JOY FOR HIS ENEMIES...
THE MIGHTY OPTIMUS PRIME PLAGUED BY DISCONTENT? FASCINATING...
...WHAT IF PROWL IS RIGHT? A SUDDEN STRIKE... FINISH THIS WAR QUICKLY... MINIMISE THE DAMAGE TO THE HUMANS... BUT COULD WE GUARANTEE THAT?

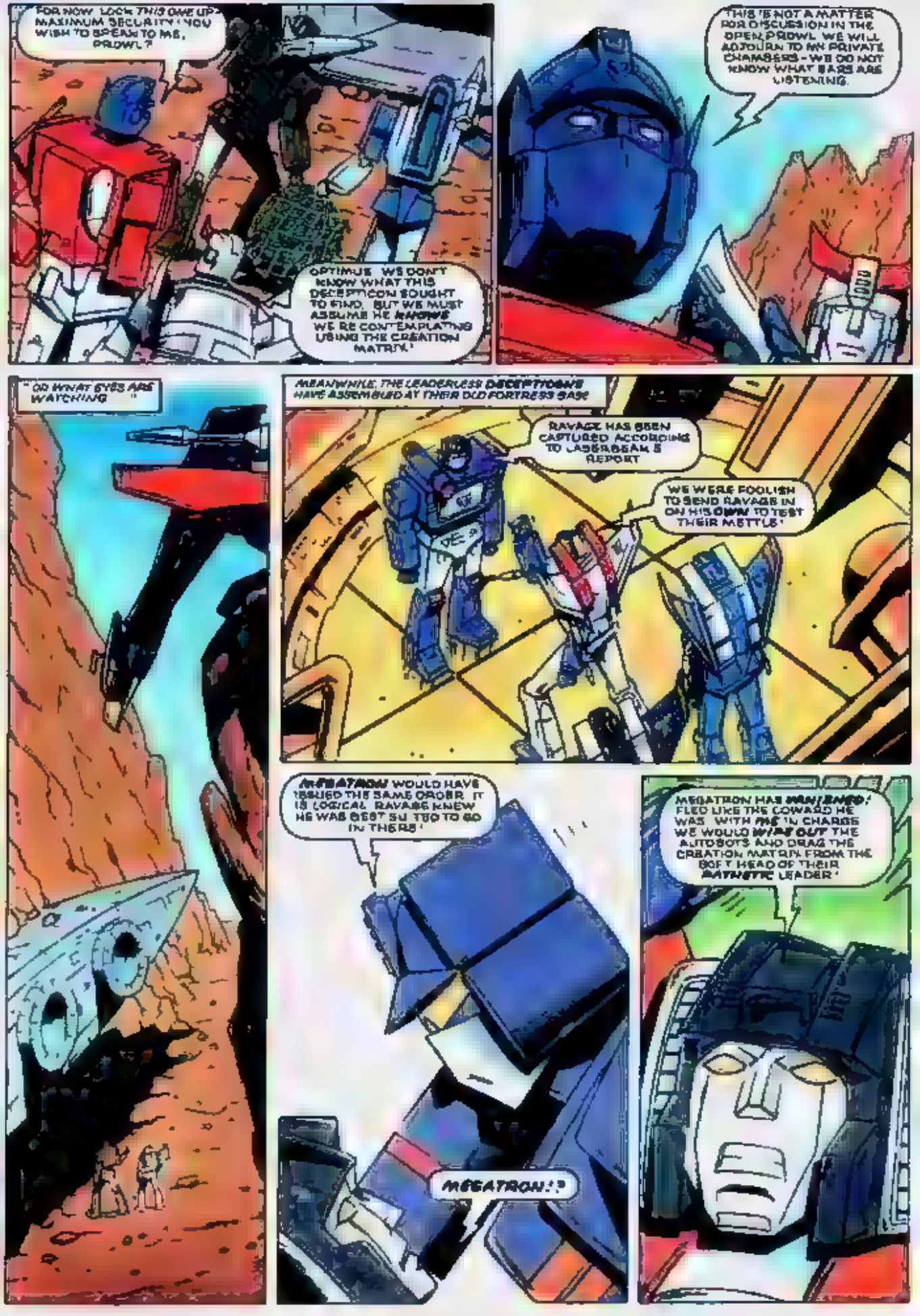
HIS HOME IS THE SHADOWS. HE CONFOUNDS SECURITY, SENSES TRAPS.
HE IS IN A BLIND SPOT, UNDETECTED. HE KNOWS TO MOVE CENTIMETRES FORWARD AND TOUCH THE WALL WITHIN THE ARC OF LIGHT IS TO TRIGGER COUNTLESS ALARMS...

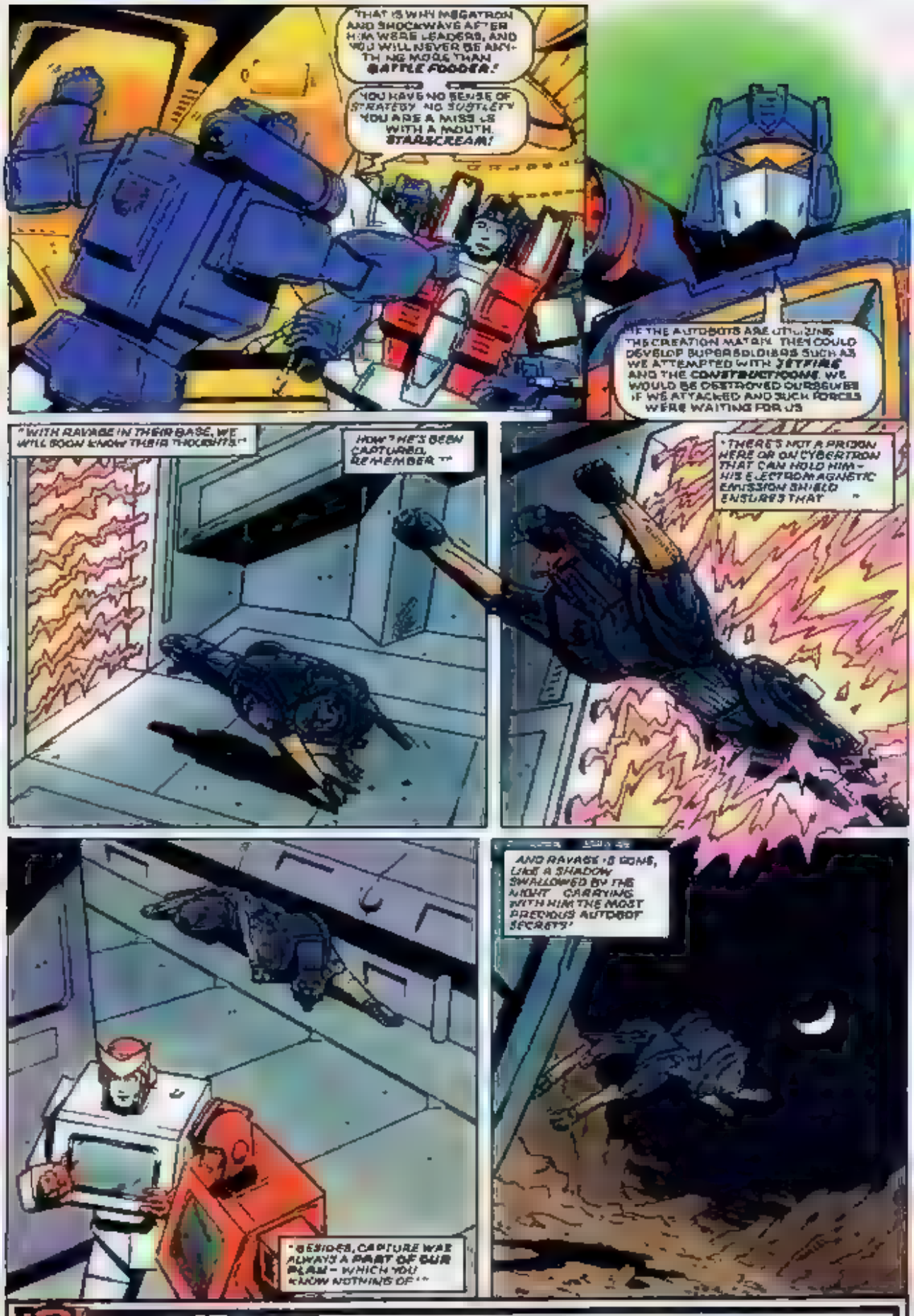
AROOOGARRROOGA!

AUTOBOTS WHO BY RECENTLY SQUABBLED DO SIDE BY SIDE INTO –
ACTION!
AAAARG!
WATCH OUT – HE'S TURNING!
MISSILE ATTACK!
RRRARR!
AAARGH!

HE'S WIPED OUT THE FIRST LINE!
C'MON, AFTER HIM!
BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO CORNER ONE WHO CAN EVADE ALMOST ANYTHING - PARTICULARLY IN SEEMINGLY ENDLESS CORRIDORS!
HE'S HEADING FOR THE OUTSIDE! AUTOBOTS - TRANSFORM!
I'M OUT!
THEY WILL BE RIGHT ON MY TAIL, THOUGH - SOME OF THEM ARE FASTER THAN ME ... I'D BETTER TAKE COVER!
YOU'RE TRAPPED RAVAGE!
GRRR!
AND NOW YOU'RE DEFENSELESS.
A HOLOGRAM!

THE RUNNING'S OVER!
GRAR!
CHEW ON THIS, UGLY!
ROWRAAW!
GRAAAAA!
YOU GOT HIM- WELL DONE, HOUND!
IT'S THANKS TO MIRAGE AS WELL, OPTIMUS- HE DISTRACTED AND DISARMED THE SHIFTY SABOTEUR!
WE MIGHT NOT AGREE ABOUT METHOD- BUT WE BOTH WANT TO STOP THE DECEPTICONS!
I SEE...


FOR NOW, LOCK THIS ONE UP MAXIMUM SECURITY! YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO ME, PROWL?
OPTIMUS, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS DECEPTICON SOUGHT TO FIND, BUT WE MUST ASSUME HE KNOWS WE'RE CONTEMPLATING USING THE CREATION MATRIX!
THIS IS NOT A MATTER FOR DISCUSSION IN THE OPEN, PROWL. WE WILL ADJOURN TO MY PRIVATE CHAMBERS - WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT EARS ARE LISTENING.
"...DO WHAT EYES ARE WATCHING..."
MEANWHILE, THE LEADERLESS DECEPTICONS HAVE ASSEMBLED AT THEIR OLD FORTRESS BASE
RAVAGE HAS BEEN CAPTURED ACCORDING TO LASERBEAK'S REPORT
WE WERE FOOLISH TO SEND RAVAGE IN ON HIS OWN TO TEST THEIR METTLE!
MEGATRON WOULD HAVE ISSUED THE SAME ORDER. IT IS LOGICAL. RAVAGE KNEW HE WAS BEST SUITED TO GO IN THERE!
MEGATRON!?
MEGATRON HAS VANISHED! FLED LIKE THE COWARD HE WAS. WITH ME IN CHARGE WE WOULD WIPE OUT THE AUTOBOTS AND DRAG THE CREATION MATRIX FROM THE SOFT HEAD OF THEIR PATHETIC LEADER!


THAT IS WHY MEGATRON AND SHOCKWAVE AFTER HIM WERE LEADERS, AND YOU WILL NEVER BE ANYTHING MORE THAN BATTLE FODDER!
YOU HAVE NO SENSE OF STRATEGY, NO SUBTLETY. YOU ARE A MISFIT WITH A MOUTH, STARSCREAM!
IF THE AUTOBOTS ARE UTILIZING THE CREATION MATRIX, THEY COULD DEVELOP SUPERSOLDIERS SUCH AS WE ATTEMPTED WITH JETFIRE AND THE CONSTRUCTICONS. WE WOULD BE DESTROYED OUTRIGHT IF WE ATTACKED AND SUCH FORCES WERE WAITING FOR US
"WITH RAVAGE IN THEIR BASE, WE WILL SOON KNOW THEIR THOUGHTS."
HOW? HE'S BEEN CAPTURED, REMEMBER?"
"THERE'S NOT A PRISON HERE OR ON CYBERTRON THAT CAN HOLD HIM – HIS ELECTROMAGNETIC EMISSION SHIELD ENSURES THAT."
"BESIDES, CAPTURE WAS ALWAYS A PART OF OUR PLAN – WHICH YOU KNOW NOTHING OF."
AND RAVAGE IS GONE, LIKE A SHADOW SWALLOWED BY THE NIGHT, CARRYING WITH HIM THE MOST PRECIOUS AUTOBOT SECRETS!

NEXT: BUMBLEBEE ALONE!

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THE TRANSFORMERS
HEROIC AUTOBOT
...OOOPS!
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CRISIS
COMMAND!
PART TWO
IT'S HOPELESS... I'VE FAILED!
VVOO-ROOOM!
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ART GEOFF SENIOR
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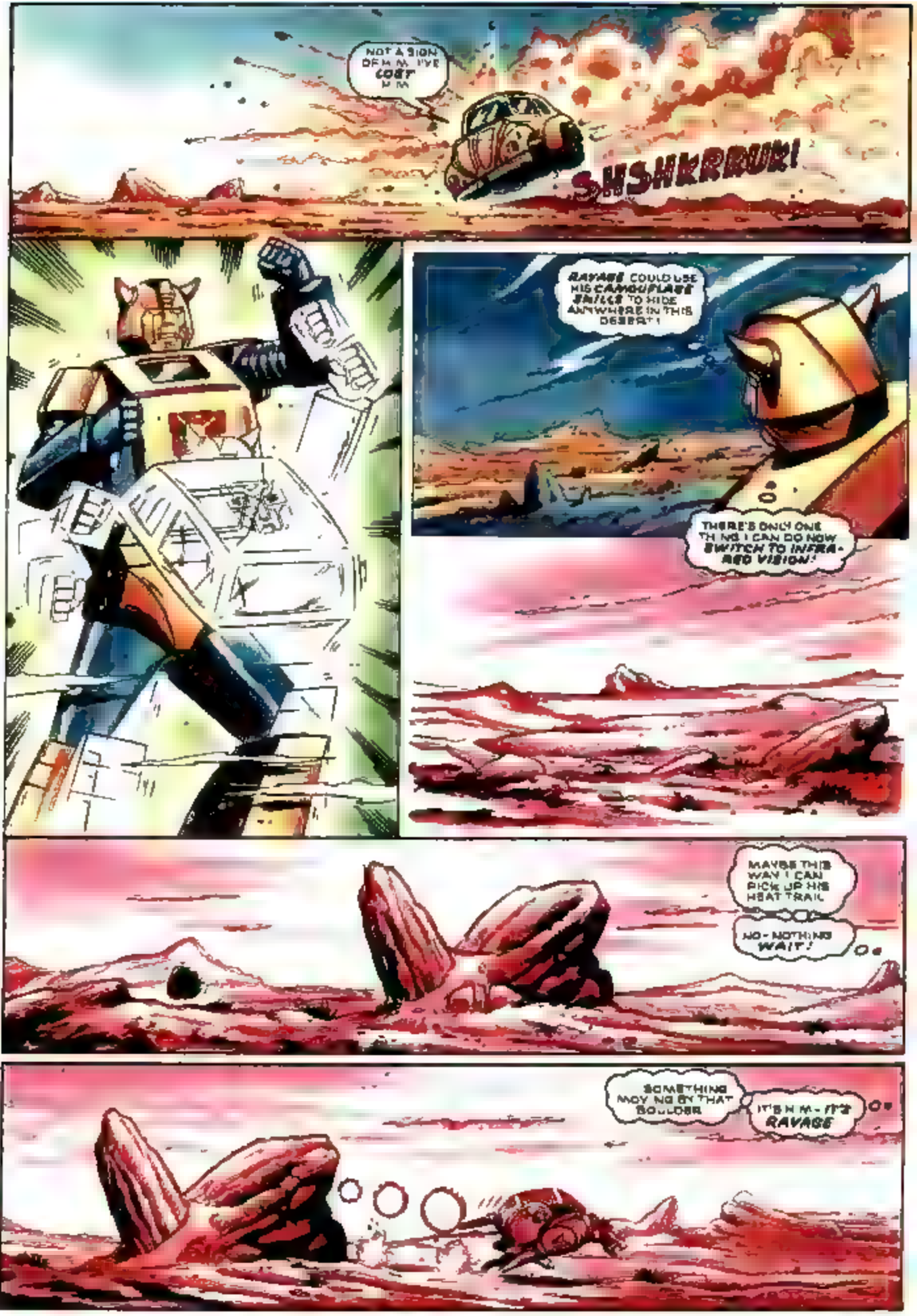
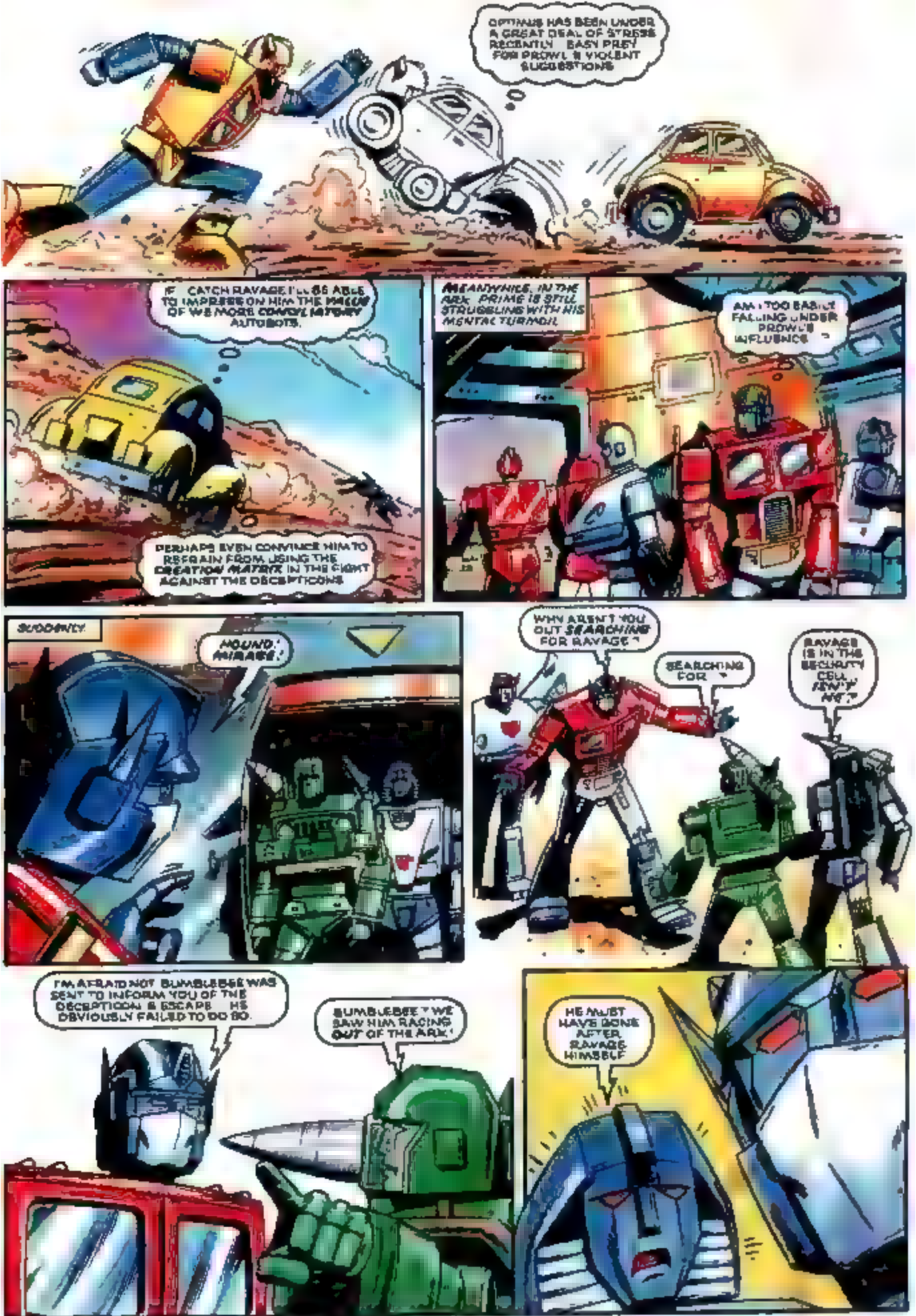
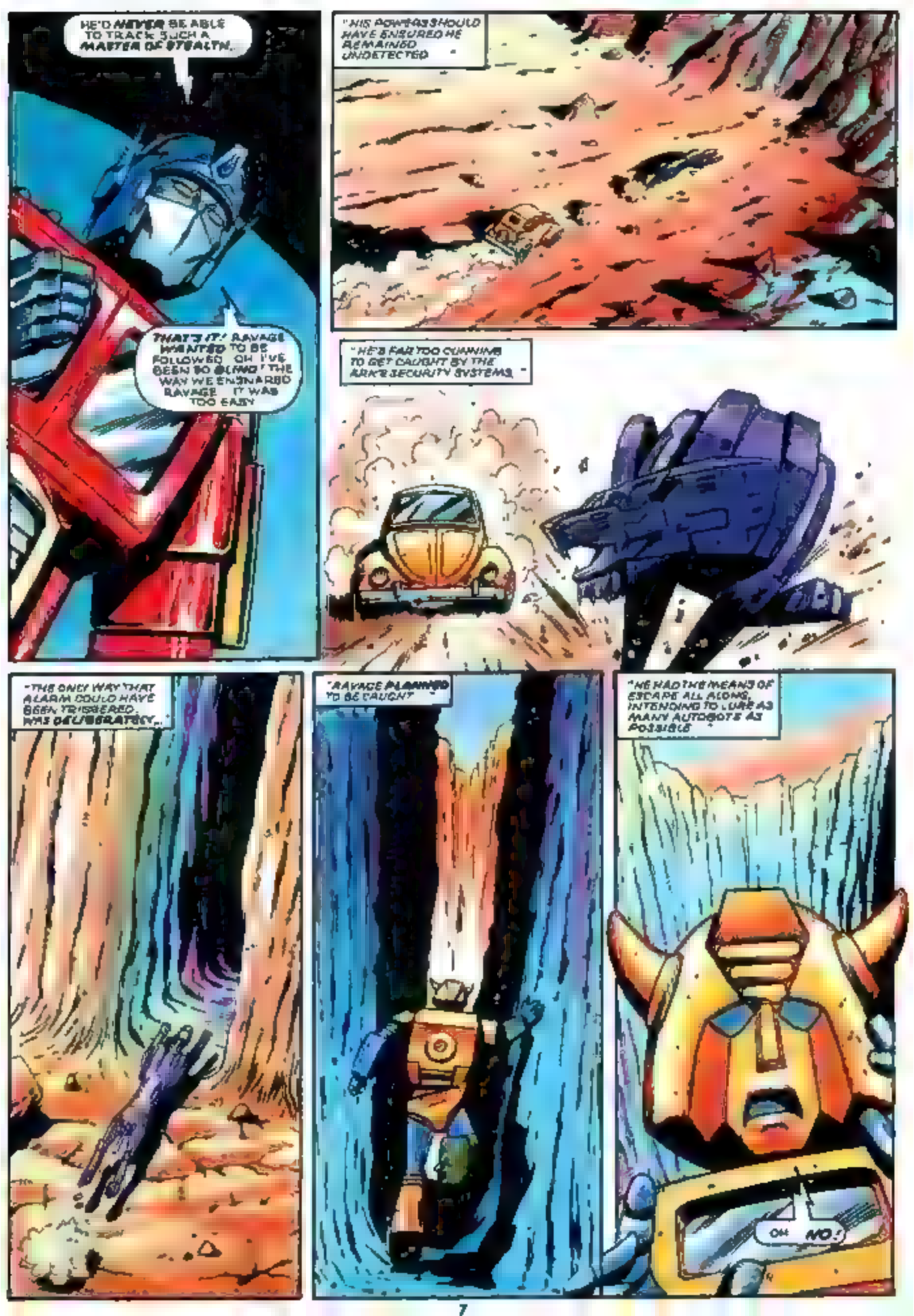
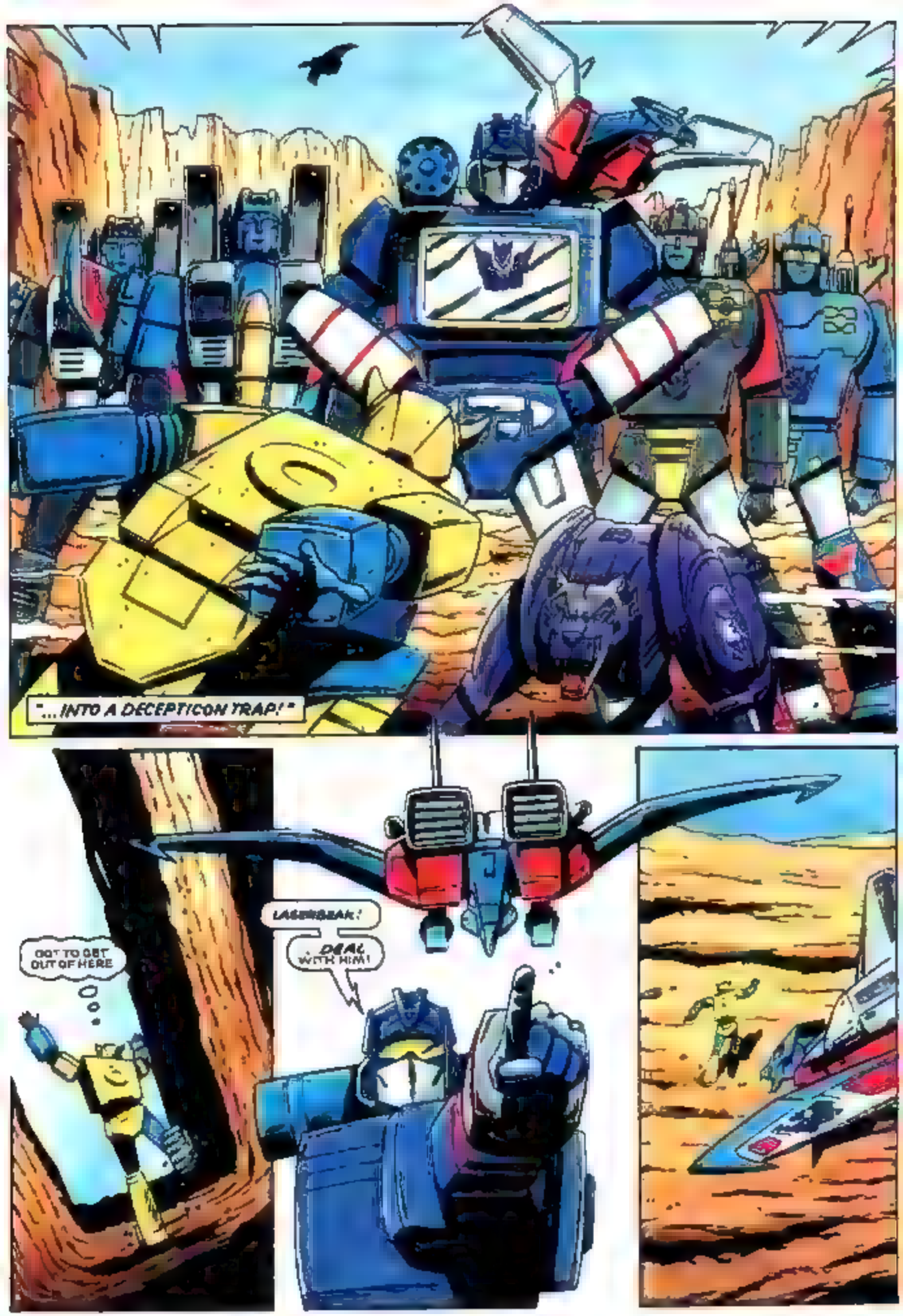
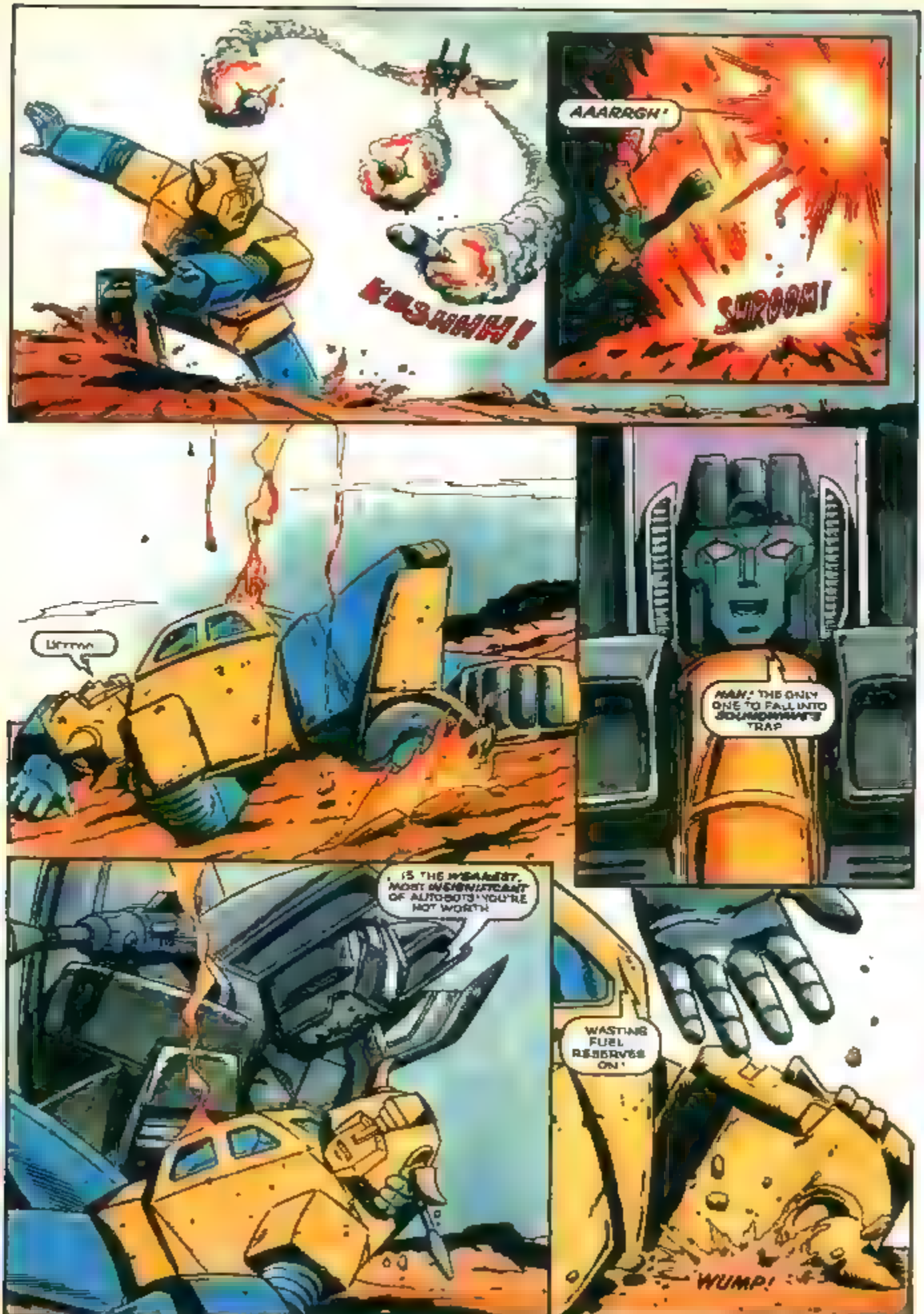

NOT A SIGN OF H.M.'S COBRA
SHSHKRRUK!
RAVAGE COULD USE HIS CAMOUFLAGE SKILLS TO HIDE ANYWHERE IN THIS DESERT!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO NOW SWITCH TO INFRA-RED VISION!
MAYBE THIS WAY I CAN PICK UP HIS HEAT TRAIL
NO - NOTHING WAIT!
SOMETHING MOVING BY THAT BOULDER
IT'S H.M. - IT'S RAVAGE

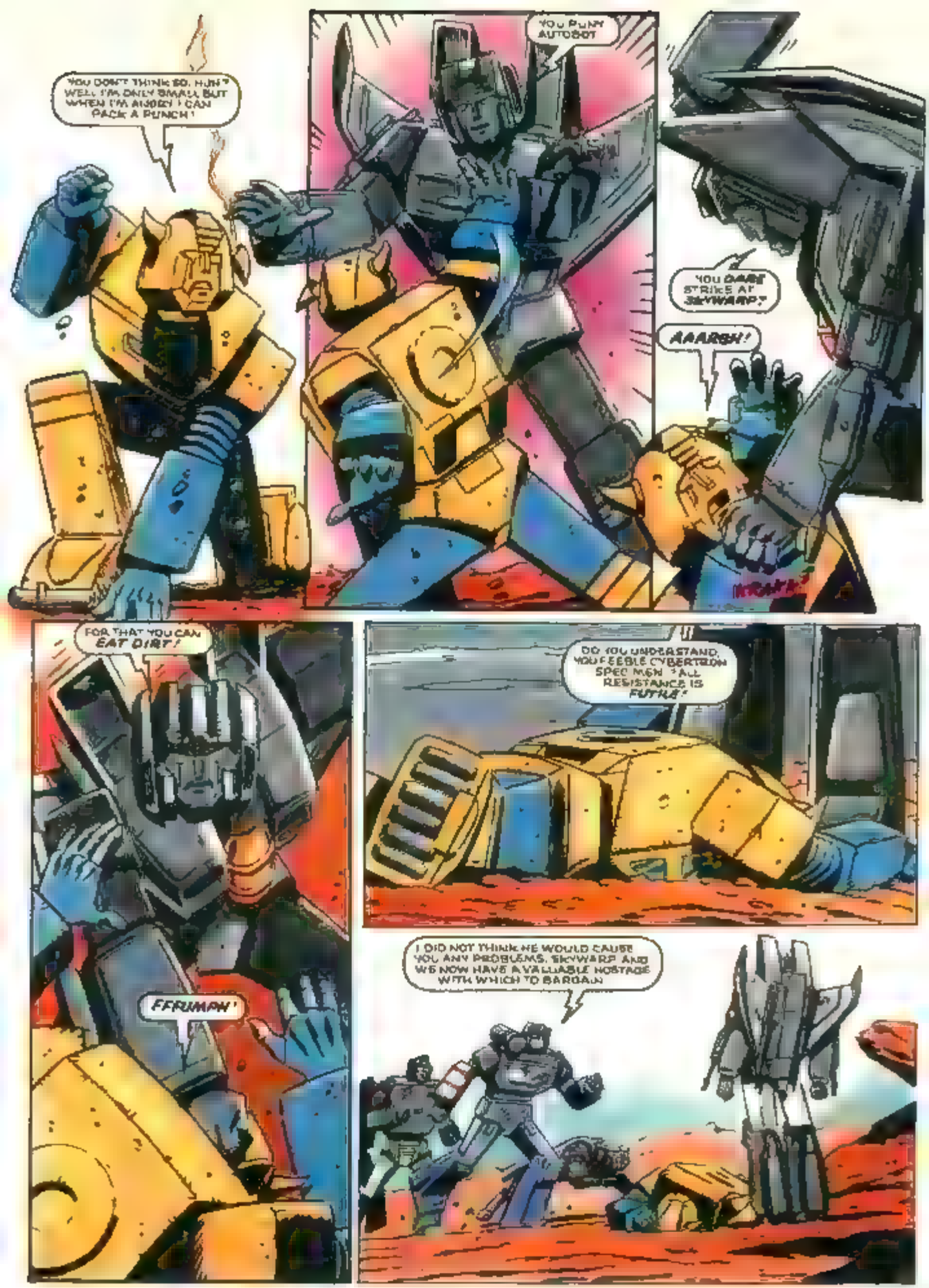
HE WON'T ESCAPE ME AS EASILY AS HE ESCAPED THE ARK'S MAXIMUM SECURITY CELL..
IT WAS ONLY BY CHANCE THAT I NOTICED THE DECEPTICON'S DISAPPEARANCE.
HURRIED TO INFORM OPTIMUS BUT HE HAD OTHER THINGS ON HIS MIND.
AN ALL OUT STRIKE PROWL?
YES! WITH THE DECEPTICONS DESTROYED WE COULD CHANNEL OUR ENERGIES INTO REBUILDING THE ARK! WE COULD RETURN TO OUR BELOVED CYBERTRON!
YOUR LOGIC SEEMS FLAWLESS PROWL. YET I AM STILL UNCONVINCED. PERHAPS IF
WHO'S THERE?
P. PLEASE FORGIVE MY INTRUSION, OPT MUS. BUT RAVAGE HAS ESCAPED!
ESCAPED? OH NO
PROWL? WHAT WHAT SHOULD I DO?
ORDER HOUND AND MIRAGE AFTER THE DECEPTICON. THEY CAUGHT HIM ONCE- THEY CAN DO IT AGAIN
I WAS SHOCKED TO SEE PRIME SO TROUBLED. SO INDECISIVE AS I LEFT PRIME'S CHAMBERS I DECIDED TO CAPTURE RAVAGE MYSELF


OPTIMUS HAS BEEN UNDER A GREAT DEAL OF STRESS RECENTLY... EASY PREY FOR PROWL'S VIOLENT SUGGESTIONS
IF I CATCH RAVAGE I'LL BE ABLE TO IMPRESS ON HIM THE FOLLY OF WE MORE COWARDLY AUTOBOTS.
PERHAPS EVEN CONVINCE HIM TO REFRAIN FROM USING THE CREATION MATRIX IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DECEPTICONS.
MEANWHILE, IN THE ARK, PRIME IS STILL STRUGGLING WITH HIS MENTAL TURMOIL
AM I TOO EASILY FALLING UNDER PROWL'S INFLUENCE?
SUDDENLY
HOUND! MIRAGE!
WHY AREN'T YOU OUT SEARCHING FOR RAVAGE?
SEARCHING FOR?
RAVAGE IS IN THE SECURITY CELL, ISN'T HE?
I'M AFRAID NOT. BUMBLEBEE WAS SENT TO INFORM YOU OF THE DECEPTICON'S ESCAPE. HE OBVIOUSLY FAILED TO DO SO.
BUMBLEBEE? WE SAW HIM RACING OUT OF THE ARK!
HE MUST HAVE GONE AFTER RAVAGE HIMSELF

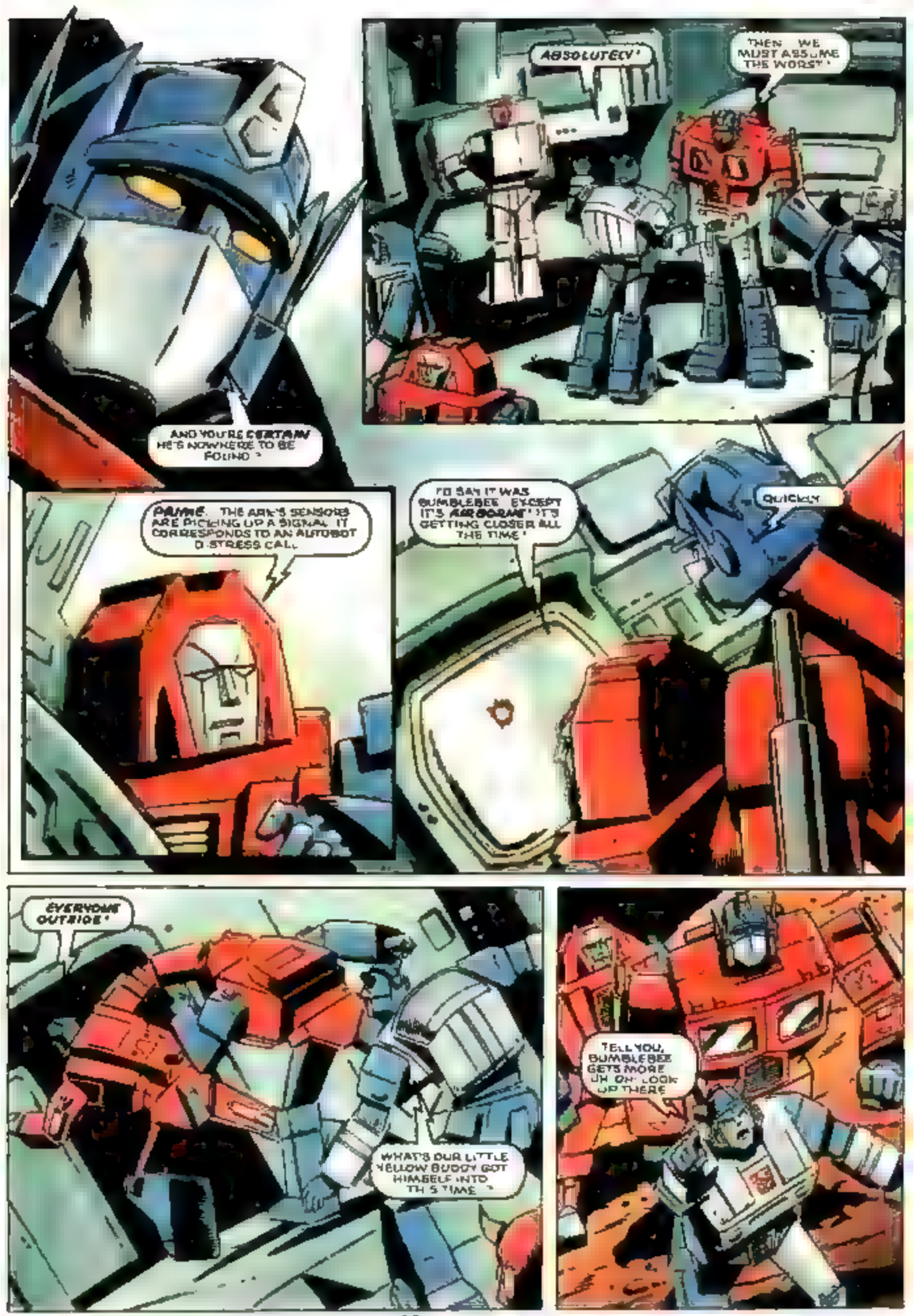

HE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO TRACK SUCH A MASTER OF STEALTH..
THAT'S IT! RAVAGE WANTED TO BE FOLLOWED. OH I'VE BEEN SO BLIND! THE WAY WE ENCOUNTERED RAVAGE IT WAS TOO EASY
"HIS POWERS SHOULD HAVE ENSURED HE REMAINED UNDETECTED."
"HE'S FAR TOO CUNNING TO GET CAUGHT BY THE ARK'S SECURITY SYSTEMS."
"THE ONLY WAY THAT ALARM COULD HAVE BEEN TRIGGERED, WAS DELIBERATELY..."
"RAVAGE PLANNED TO BE CAUGHT"
"HE HAD THE MEANS OF ESCAPE ALL ALONG, INTENDING TO LURE AS MANY AUTOBOTS AS POSSIBLE."
OH NO!


"...INTO A DECEPTICON TRAP!"
GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE
LASERBEAK!
...DEAL WITH HIM!


AAARRGH!
SURROOM!
KRSHHH!
Urrrrr...
MAN! THE ONLY ONE TO FALL INTO JOHNNYMAC'S TRAP
IS THE WEAKEST, MOST INSIGNIFICANT OF AUTOBOTS! YOU'RE NOT WORTH
WASTING FUEL RESERVES ON!
WUMP!


YOU DON'T THINK SO, HUH? WELL I'M ONLY SMALL BUT WHEN I'M ANGRY I CAN PACK A PUNCH!
YOU PUNY AUTOBOT
YOU DARE STRIKE AT SKYWARP?
AAARGH!
FOR THAT YOU CAN EAT DIRT!
FFRUMPH!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, YOU FEEBLE CYBERTRON SPECIMEN? ALL RESISTANCE IS FUTILE!
I DID NOT THINK HE WOULD CAUSE YOU ANY PROBLEMS. SKYWARP AND WE NOW HAVE AVALUABLE HOSTAGE WITH WHICH TO BARGAIN

BUMBLEBEE'S LIFE- FOR PRIME'S!
N-NO C-CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN
IN AN INSTANT, BUMBLEBEE TRANSFORMS
MY CHANGE INTO VEHICLE MODES KNOCKING THEM AWAY
IT CAUGHT THEM OFF GUARD AND NOW'S MY CHANCE THAT BAND OUNE
IF I CAN JUST GET PAST IT
BEFORE THE DECEPTICONS REVIVE...C'MON WHEELS- DON'T FAIL ME NOW!
DONE IT!
GOING SOME-WHERE


AND YOU'RE CERTAIN HE'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND?
ABSOLUTELY!
THEN WE MUST ASSUME THE WORST!
PRIME. THE ARK'S SENSORS ARE PICKING UP A SIGNAL. IT CORRESPONDS TO AN AUTOBOT DISTRESS CALL.
I'D SAY IT WAS BUMBLEBEE EXCEPT IT'S AIRBORNE! IT'S GETTING CLOSER ALL THE TIME!
QUICKLY
EVERYONE OUTSIDE!
WHAT'S OUR LITTLE YELLOW BUDDY GOT HIMSELF INTO THIS TIME?
TELL YOU, BUMBLEBEE GETS MORE UH OH LOOK UP THERE

IT'S LADYBEAK!
SO HOW COME WE PICKED UP AN AUTOBOT SIGNAL?
AND WHAT'S THAT HE'S CARRYING?
HE'S LET IT GO. IT COULD BE A BOMB
TAKE COVER!
BUT
NO BIG BANG
MAYBE- MAYBE IT'S A TIME BOMB
NO. NO BANG. NO BOMB
BUMBLEBEE WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO YOU?
NEXT: PRIMED FOR ACTION!

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THE TRANSFORMERS™

HEROIC AUTOBOT

JET TRAP!

CRISIS COMMAND!
PART THREE
BEFORE THE SHOCKED ASSEMBLED HORDES OF THE AUTOBOTS LIES THE BATTERED AND TWISTED LEFT ARM OF THEIR COMRADE. BUMBLEBEE'
CAST DOWN BY THE DECEPTICON LASERBEAK AS A CHALLENGE'
BY THE SPIRES OF IACON' I'LL MAKE THE DECEPTICONS PAY FOR THIS
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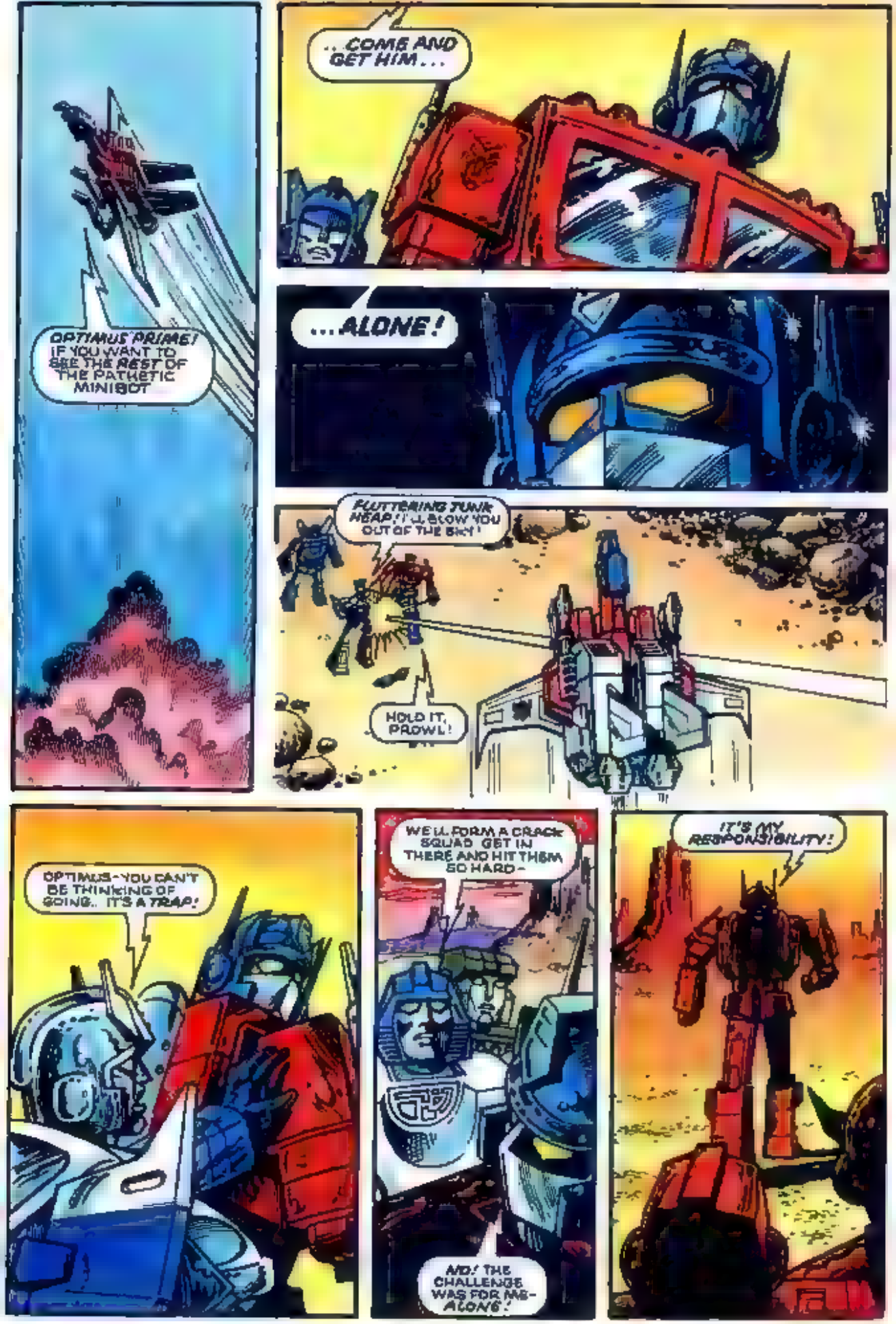
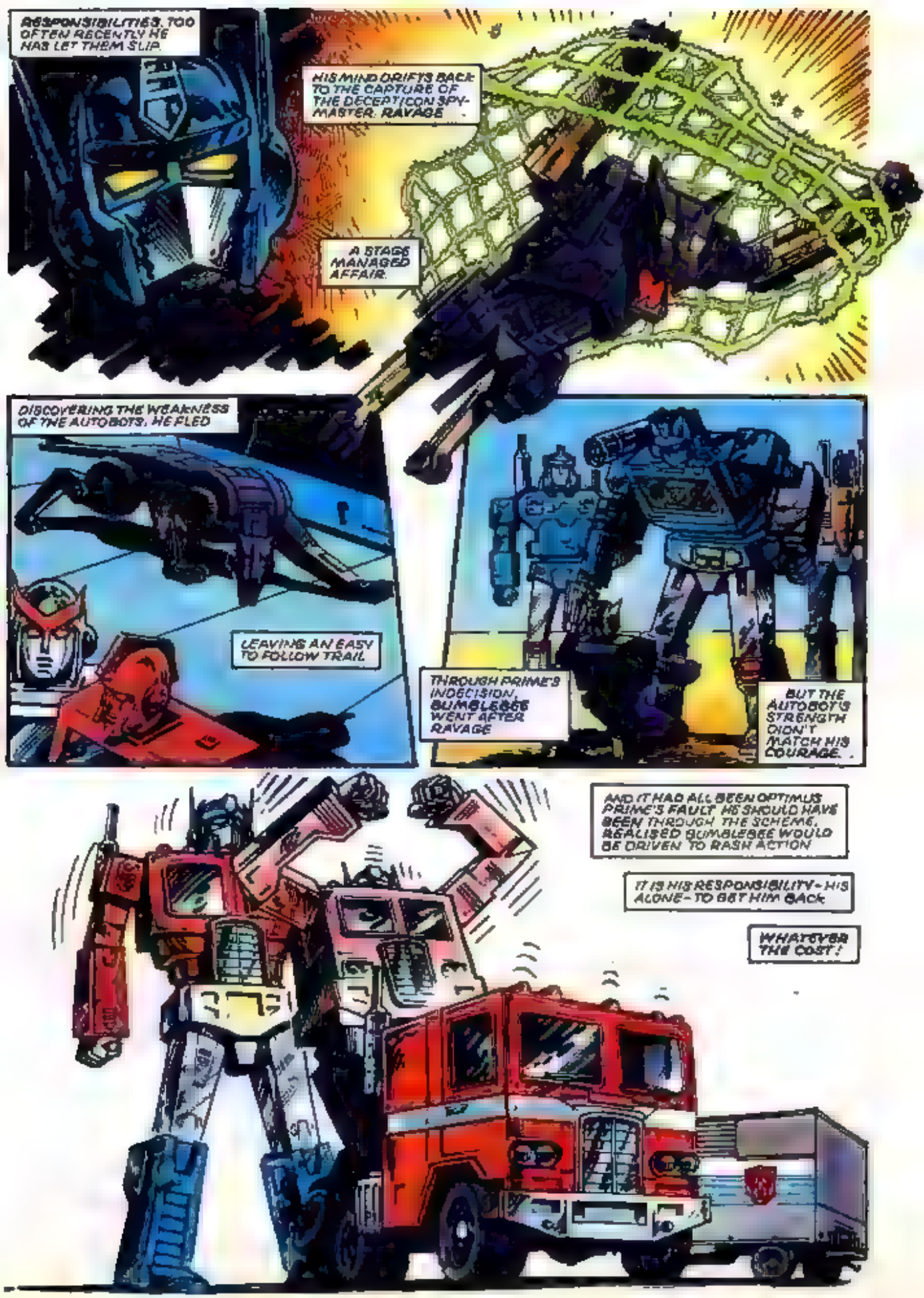
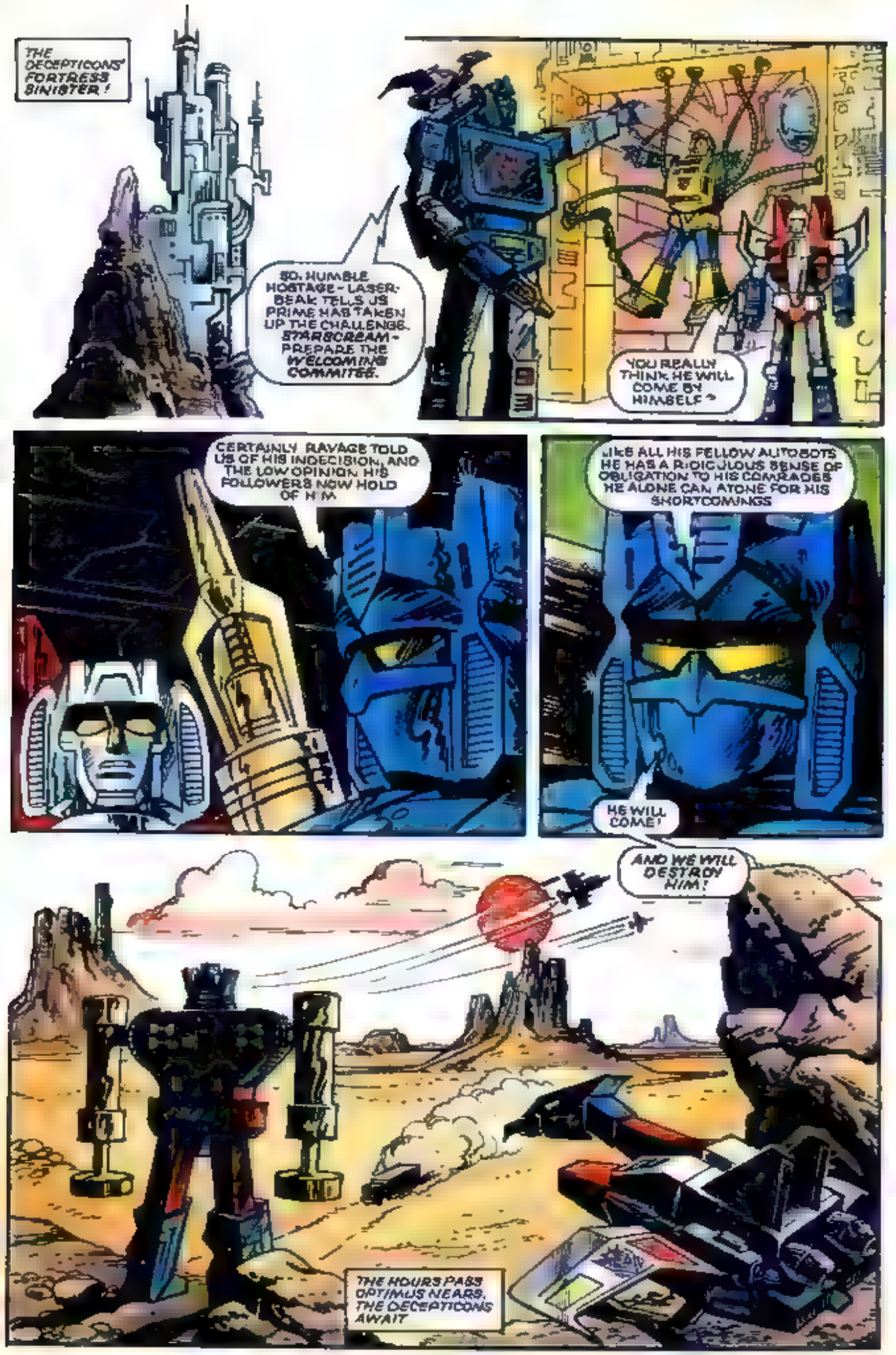
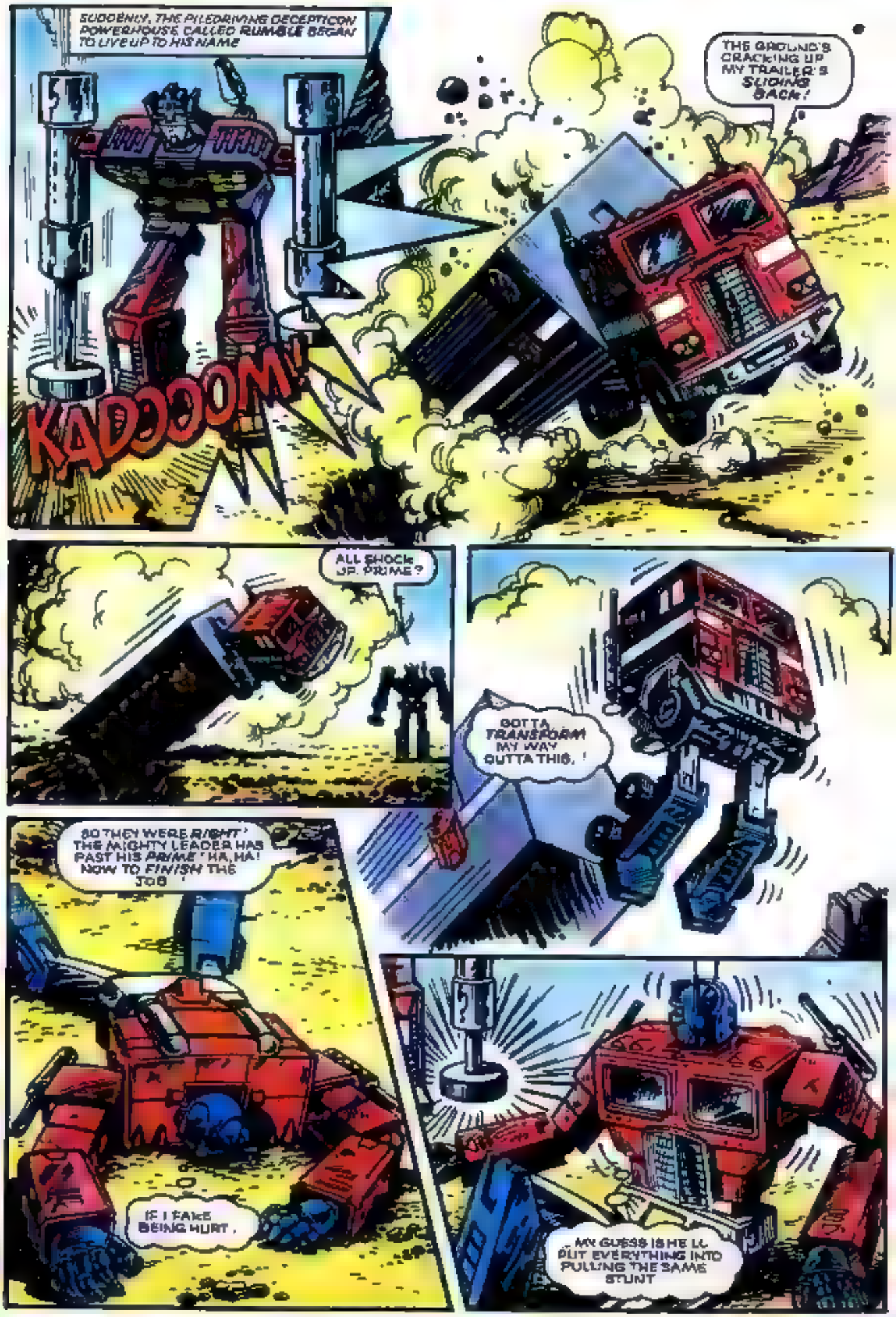
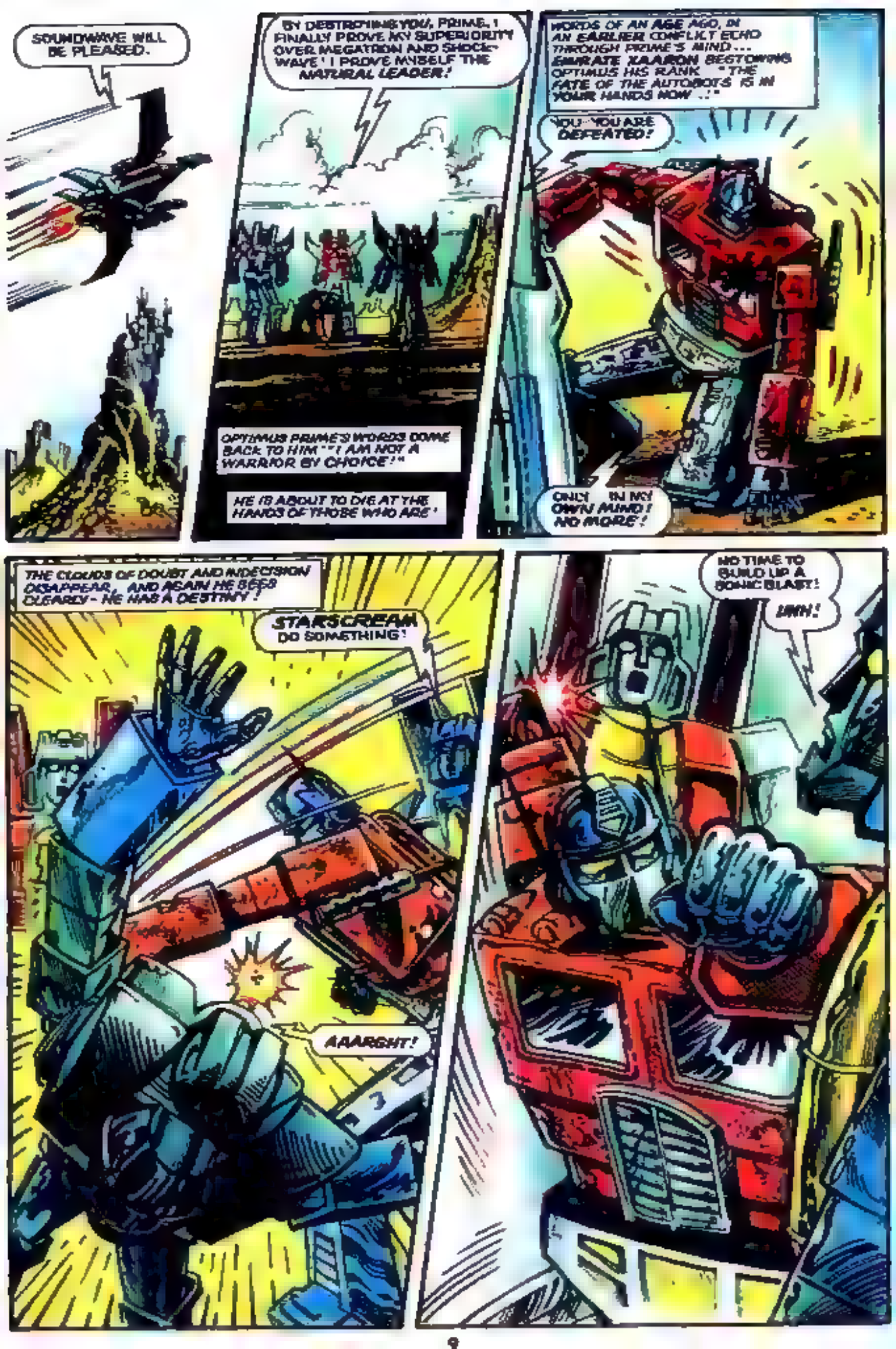

OPTIMUS PRIME! IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE REST OF THE PATHETIC MINIBOT
...COME AND GET HIM...
...ALONE!
FLUTTERING JUNK HEAP! I'LL BLOW YOU OUT OF THE SKY!
HOLD IT, PROWL!
OPTIMUS - YOU CAN'T BE THINKING OF GOING... IT'S A TRAP!
WE'LL FORM A CRACK SQUAD GET IN THERE AND HIT THEM SO HARD -
AND! THE CHALLENGE WAS FOR ME- ALONE!
IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY!

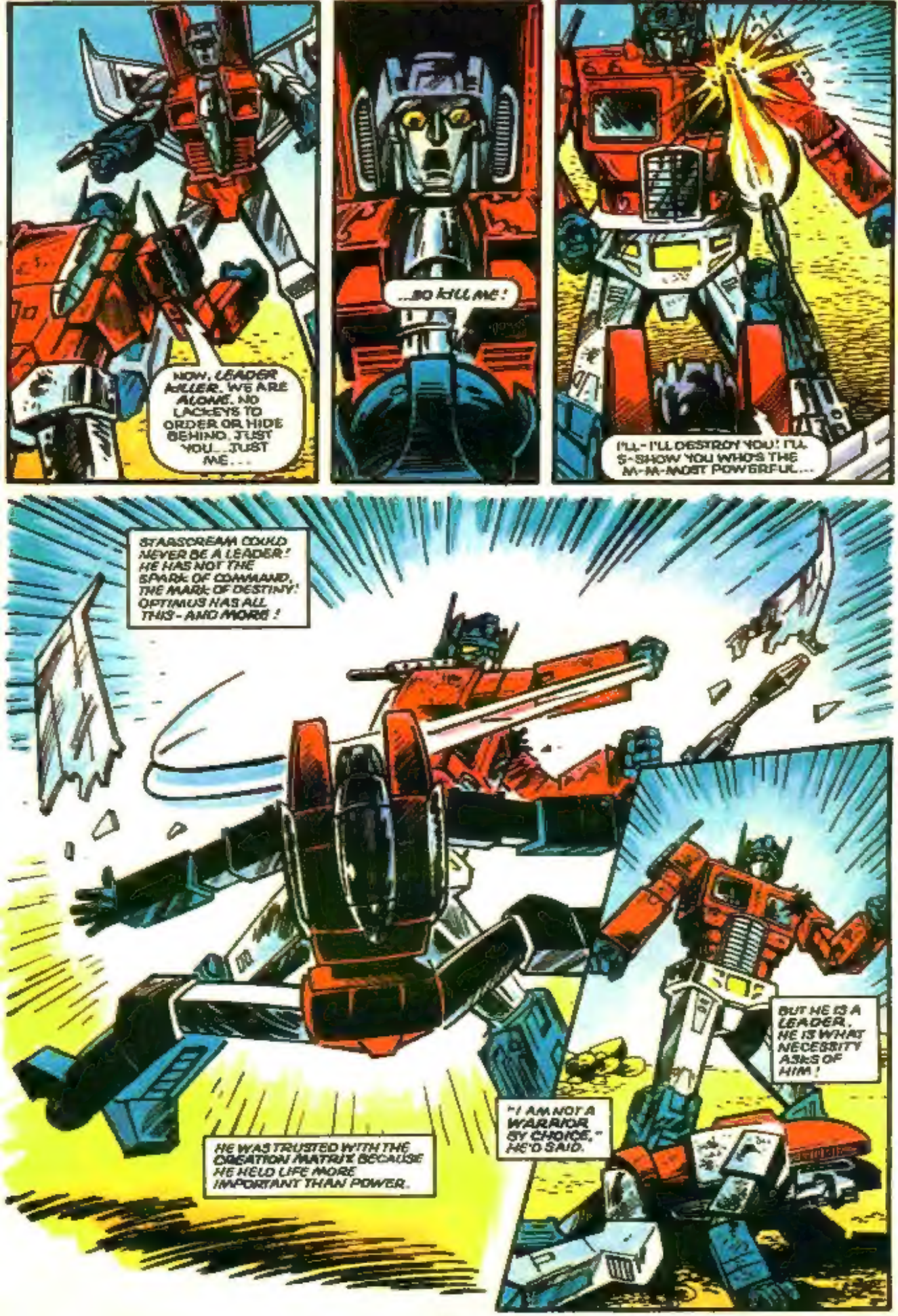

RESPONSIBILITIES. TOO OFTEN RECENTLY HE HAS LET THEM SLIP.
HIS MIND DRIFTS BACK TO THE CAPTURE OF THE DECEPTICON SPY-MASTER, RAVAGE.
A STAGE MANAGED AFFAIR.
DISCOVERING THE WEAKNESS OF THE AUTOBOTS, HE FLED
LEAVING AN EASY TO FOLLOW TRAIL
THROUGH PRIME'S INDECISION, BUMBLEBEE WENT AFTER RAVAGE
BUT THE AUTOBOT'S STRENGTH DIDN'T MATCH HIS COURAGE..
AND IT HAD ALL BEEN OPTIMUS PRIME'S FAULT. HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE SCHEME. REALISED BUMBLEBEE WOULD BE DRIVEN TO RASH ACTION
IT IS HIS RESPONSIBILITY - HIS ALONE - TO GET HIM BACK
WHATEVER THE COST!


THE DECEPTICONS' FORTRESS SINISTER!
SO, HUMBLE HOSTAGE - LASER-BEAK TELLS US PRIME HAS TAKEN UP THE CHALLENGE. STARSCREAM - PREPARE THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE.
YOU REALLY THINK HE WILL COME BY HIMSELF?
CERTAINLY. RAVAGE TOLD US OF HIS INDECISION, AND THE LOW OPINION HIS FOLLOWERS NOW HOLD OF HIM.
LIKE ALL HIS FELLOW AUTOBOTS HE HAS A RIDICULOUS SENSE OF OBLIGATION TO HIS COMRADES HE ALONE CAN ATONE FOR HIS SHORTCOMINGS
HE WILL COME!
AND WE WILL DESTROY HIM!
THE HOURS PASS OPTIMUS NEARS, THE DECEPTICONS AWAIT

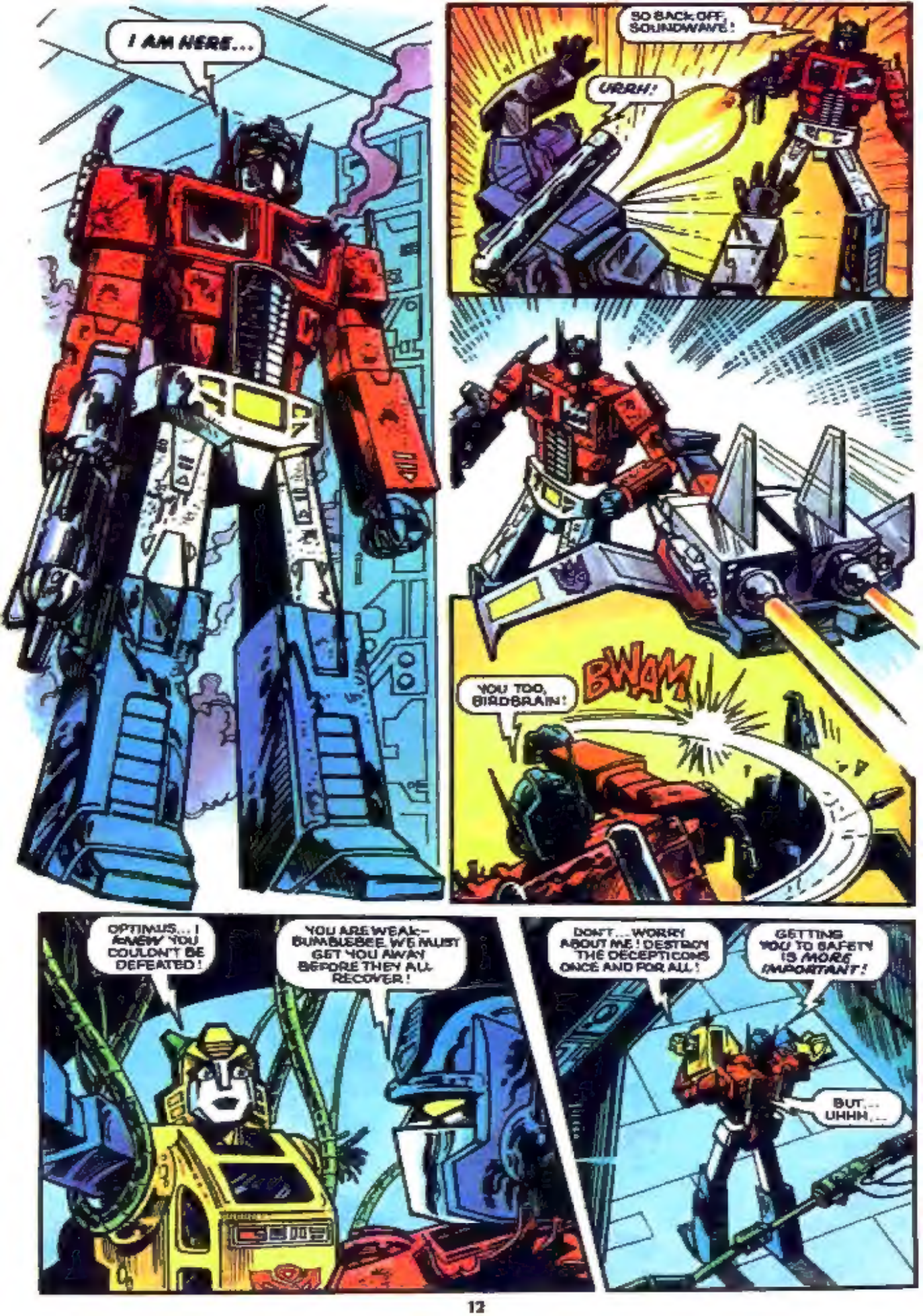

SUDDENLY, THE PILEDRIVING DECEPTICON POWERHOUSE CALLED RUMBLE BEGAN TO LIVE UP TO HIS NAME
THE GROUND'S CRACKING UP MY TRAILER'S SUCKING BACK!
KADOOOM!
ALL SHOCK JP. PRIME?
GOTTA TRANSFORM MY WAY OUTTA THIS.!
SO THEY WERE RIGHT! THE MIGHTY LEADER HAS PAST HIS PRIME! HA, HA! NOW TO FINISH THE JOB!
IF I FAKE BEING HURT.
.. MY GUESS IS HE'LL PUT EVERYTHING INTO PULLING THE SAME STUNT

GIVING ME MY CHANCE!
YOU'RE JUST A... NUISANCE!
ARRRGH!
THAT'S RUMBLE OUT OF IT - BUT I'M STILL SHAKING JET'S COMING IN.
SHRAKOOM!
THUNDERCRACKER! AARRGH...
AND DON'T FORGET
SKYWARP!
AND AS THE TWO ATTACKERS RETURNED TO ROBOT MODE
PATHETIC! THIS IS THE INSPIRATIONAL LEADER OF THE AUTOBOTS?
WAS, THUNDERCRACKER, BUT NO LONGER. HE'S JUST WAITING TO BE PUT OUT OF HIS MISERY WAITING FOR THE FINAL BLOW FROM STARSCREAM - THE LEADER KILLER!


SOUNDWAVE WILL BE PLEASED.
BY DESTROYING YOU, PRIME, I FINALLY PROVE MY SUPERIORITY OVER MEGATRON AND SHOCKWAVE! I PROVE MYSELF THE NATURAL LEADER!
OPTIMUS PRIME'S WORDS COME BACK TO HIM "I AM NOT A WARRIOR BY CHOICE!"
HE IS ABOUT TO DIE AT THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO ARE!
WORDS OF AN AGE AGO, IN AN EARLIER CONFLICT ECHO THROUGH PRIME'S MIND... EMIRATE XAARON BESTOWING OPTIMUS HIS RANK "THE FATE OF THE AUTOBOTS IS IN YOUR HANDS NOW..!"
YOU- YOU ARE DEFEATED!
ONLY IN MY OWN MIND! NO MORE!
THE CLOUDS OF DOUBT AND INDECISION DISAPPEAR, AND AGAIN HE SEES CLEARLY - HE HAS A DESTINY!
STARSCREAM DO SOMETHING!
AAARGHT!
NO TIME TO BUILD UP A SONIC BLAST!
UNH!


NOW, LEADER KILLER, WE ARE ALONE. NO LACKEYS TO ORDER OR HIDE BEHIND. JUST YOU...JUST ME...
...SO KILL ME!
I'LL- I'LL DESTROY YOU! I'LL S-SHOW YOU WHO'S THE M-M-MOST POWERFUL...
STARSCREAM COULD NEVER BE A LEADER! HE HAS NOT THE SPARK OF COMMAND, THE MARK OF DESTINY! OPTIMUS HAS ALL THIS - AND MORE!
BUT HE IS A LEADER. HE IS WHAT NECESSITY ASKS OF HIM!
"I AM NOT A WARRIOR BY CHOICE," HE'D SAID.
HE WAS TRUSTED WITH THE CREATION MATRIX BECAUSE HE HELD LIFE MORE IMPORTANT THAN POWER.

...ABOUT TO DEAL THE FINAL BLOW, EH, LASERBEAK? EXCELLENT!
OPTIMUS? NO...
YES! AND HIS END IS JUST OUR BEGINNING. WHEN THE OTHERS RETURN WE SHALL REGROUP, THEN DESTROY YOUR FELLOW AUTOBOTS!
YOU NEVER WILL!
YOU HAVE NO COMPASSION, NO HONOUR - NOT EVEN AMONGST YOURSELVES! YOU COULD NEVER LEAD LIKE OPTIMUS!
YOUR MISPLACED FAITH BLINDS YOU TO PRIME'S FATE, AUTOBOT!
WHERE IS YOUR SAVIOUR NOW?
KRUDDUSH!


I AM HERE...
SO BACK OFF, SOUNDWAVE!
URRH!
YOU TOO, BIRDBRAIN!
BWAM
OPTIMUS... I KNEW YOU COULDN'T BE DEFEATED!
YOU ARE WEAK-- BUMBLEBEE. WE MUST GET YOU AWAY BEFORE THEY ALL RECOVER!
DON'T... WORRY ABOUT ME! DESTRON THE DECEPTICONS ONCE AND FOR ALL!
GETTING YOU TO SAFETY IS MORE IMPORTANT!
BUT... UHHH...

TIME PASSES.
THE MEETING CHAMBER OF THE ARK.
I HAVE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO THE ARGUMENTS RAISED, CONCERNING THE USE OF THE CREATION MATRIX...
I HAVE BEEN LESS THAN MYSELF RECENTLY—I CANNOT DENY THAT. I OWE MY RECOVERY TO... STARSCREAM!
HE SHOWED ME THAT A LEADER IS MORE THAN A BEING WHO ELIMINATES OPPOSITION, MORE THAN AN ENGINE OF ANNIHILATION!
HE SHOWED ME THE FOLLY OF TAKING THE PATH OF MASS DESTRUCTION!
IT IS COMPASSION FOR THE BEINGS WHO ROAM THIS PLANET THAT PUTS US ABOVE THE DECEPTICONS!
FOR THEIR SAKES, FOR THE SAKE OF THAT WHICH MAKES US MORE THAN THOSE WE FIGHT...
I SHALL NOT PERVERT THE MATRIX!
THERE WILL BE NO DEDICATED AUTOBOT WARRIORS!
THAT IS MY DECISION.
IT IS THE ORDER OF THEIR LEADER. THERE IS NO QUESTIONING IT ANY MORE.

NEXT: THE ICARUS THEORY!